**DRAFTING A LAW SIMULATION**

Your town of Beautifica has a serious problem. Over the past year, traffic congestion has worsened. One result has been an increase in accidents involving bicycles. Last year, there were nice accidents with serious injuries involving bicycles and cars or bicycles and pedestrians on the streets. The people in Beautifica are not used to so much traffic. A citizen’s group asks the city council to draft some bicycle safety legislation. After examining the town ordinances, the council realizes that there is really no law on the books explaining where and how people should ride their bicycles.

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You have been appointed to the town’s legislative drafting commission. The commission has been asked to draft a new ordinance. Ask yourself the following questions and respond to them about your ordinance.

1. What is the problem that the city council will be trying to address with the proposed ordinance?
2. What is the legislative intent of the city council in drafting an ordinance?
3. List all the details you think should be included in the proposed ordinance.
4. Draft **four sentences** that you think would make up a good ordinance to deal with the problem.

Guidelines for Drafting Laws

* + Is the law written in clear language?
  + Is the law understandable?
  + Does the law contradict any other laws?
  + Is the law enforceable?
  + Are the penalties for breaking the law clear and reasonable?